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- The above photograph shows the harbor at the ancient, Biblical city of Sidon. The ship at the right had just come from Cyprus with a cargo of wheat.

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Painting America Red...

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THE man who is not interested in the course his country takes is unworthy of his citizenship.

The Minister who does not dare oppose the politician, has little kinship with the Old Testament prophets or the New Testament apostles.

A careful study of Scripture will show that in all ages the prophet has been compelled from time to time to take exception to "wickedness in high places," and, as led by the Spirit, has not been silent at the sight of Satanic triumph.

We hold it to be true that the pulpit has no right to be particularly partisan. We are rather glad now for the fact that we were born in the Democratic belt, brought up by Democratic ancestors and cast all our early votes for the Democrat Party. In our more mature years we have never felt led to present any particular defense for either of the two old parties, but have been compelled again and again to call attention to the sins they enjoyed in common.

We speak, therefore, not as a partisan but as a citizen, and we declare it our conviction that the following text is properly interpreted in the light of its context:

"As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear: so is a wicked ruler over the poor people. The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor. . . ." (Proverbs 28: 15-16)

And we do not feel the need of an apology to anybody in applying the text to our present President.

I propose to discuss my theme under three suggestions: The Man Roosevelt; The United States Ruler; and, The Bloodless Revolution.

THE MAN ROOSEVELT

He was born to opulence.

No moral blame whatever belongs to him on that account. It was not his fault that his family were rich and aristocratic; it was his misfortune instead.

One reason why Americanism has been on the decline in this Country and crime on the increase; one reason why morals have been on the downgrade and immorality increasingly triumphant, is due, beyond question, to the untutored and often unprincipled

sentiments of pampered youth. The President's own family continues to be an illustration of this misfortune. Arrests for fast driving, charges of converting relationship into cash, and disgraceful divorces, are each and all the easy products of plethoric purses.

It is true that George Washington and several other of the early Presidents were the sons of aristocrats, but it is also true that they faced a pioneer condition that made the lot of even the most fortunate, difficult enough to develop seasoned character and sensible conduct.

Abraham Lincoln will forever remain a model of American statesmanship, and he was strengthened in every fiber of his being by the adverse winds that beset his birth, boyhood, young manhood and middle life.

The sturdy oak does not grow in a hot-house, but rather the mountain-side where it must take every wind that blows, fight every winter that freezes, and contend with rocks themselves for root-room.

And so in life. We are reaching the point now where we are beginning to pity the rich man of America because he is so manifestly pillaged by new political experiments, wild theories and unjustified social endeavors. But while we justly resent his treatment, we are not certain but, in the end, his family will bless God for the mistakes, the mal-administration of economic affairs, and the needless dissipation of fortunes.

The truly great men of the day are the children of adversity. Luxury's

lap has seldom presented a lordly man. Christ Himself arrived in this world in a horsetrough; suffered with His Mother the tiresome flight to Egypt before He knew the meaning of either the trip or His danger; endured poverty of youth and the plain fare of the laboring man; emerged from a burg even that was despised by the citizens of the land; and yet proved to be both the Child of prophecy, the Man of worth, and the King to come.

Roosevelt's education was little more than a contortion.

November 1938, *The American Mercury* carried an editorial on "The Man Roosevelt." His beginning education was at Groton, the school for the children of aristocrats. The editorial tells us that Franklin D. "was an indifferent student . . . interested chiefly in the lighter side of student life, for which he had an agreeable gift." He was "personable and affable," "keen on his own advancement," "never serious," "regarded as amusing rather than interesting; on the whole, an unusually attractive sample of the harmless and useless playboy type."

Later, at the greater university, the characteristics of Groton were confirmed; they never changed.

Sometime since, one of our daily papers, writing about Thomas A. Edison, (whose early struggles with the three R's were never succeeded by any University endeavors), said that Ben D. Wood, professor of collegiate educational research at Columbia University, asserts that Edison's genius might

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The Christian's Responsibility

Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

"FOR the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now hindereth will hinder, until he be taken out of the way." II Thessalonians 2:7.

In this passage of Scripture, the Apostle Paul was referring to the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world as a restraining power against the forces of evil.

The Holy Spirit is a Person. He accomplishes His purposes by working in and through the Church of Jesus Christ — namely, that great body of believers scattered over the earth who have embraced Christ as Saviour. The Church is the most powerful institution in the world when it functions. It becomes the most pitiful institution when it fails to function.

It is natural, in periods of suffering and crisis, that men should turn to religion for solace, counsel and guidance. We saw an example of this during the World War, when an accusing finger was pointed at the Church and Christians who were constantly forced to face the question: "Is Christianity a failure?"

Christians, let it be understood, are not an inferior people. They come from a long line of heroes and heroines, who have shown by their acts, that the Christian Cause is dearer to the followers of the Nazarene than life itself. No race or group of people have endured anything like the suffering heaped upon believers, but history attests that the Church has always thrived on persecution.

From the crucifixion of our Lord and the stoning of Stephen, down to the slaughter of the saints in Russia and Spain . . . Christians have quitted themselves heroically. They have spiritual weapons which are far more powerful than the arm of flesh so often raised against them — hence their ability to survive.

Our Country is facing a period of great uncertainty. There are grave decisions to be made in the weeks and months that are just ahead. The

Church must be prepared to shoulder its responsibility. It has a solemn obligation to discharge. The wholesome and constructive influence of Christian thought was never more needed in the life of our Nation. In this connection, there are certain important lessons to be learned from the past.

Between the years 1908 and 1917, the Russian Orthodox Church had the power to hold in check, the forces which were then organized on an international scale to bring about the destruction of her Country — forces which have since pried loose the moral, religious, economic and political foundations of no less than a score of nations.

Instead of precipitating a spiritual awakening to strengthen resistance against these agencies of evil, the Church proved itself to be a cold, lifeless, non-spiritual organization, more concerned with ritualism than evangelism. Her priesthood was, to a great extent, selfish and corrupt. History records a tragic failure on her part, to influence the masses of people in paths of righteousness. Her lack of doctrinal knowledge is illustrated by the fact that the morbid, mystic Ras-

putin was able to gain access to the organizational machinery of the Church, and prostitute it for personal purposes.

I have heard it said, at the very hour when mobs were assembling in old St. Petersburg, preparing to seize property and spill blood . . . that Church dignitaries were engaged, a mile down the street, in heated debate about the number of buttons and style of decorations they should wear on certain vestry garments.

It is a dangerous thing for the Church of Jesus Christ to stop and count buttons. Certainly, this is no time for button-counting in the United States!

By way of contrast, let us review briefly, events in Europe during the middle and latter part of the eighteenth century. . . .

Continental Europe was in flames. The French Revolution, with its heavy toll of human life, was in progress. Burning embers from the holocaust were blowing across the English Channel, lighting fires of revolutionary violence, here and there, over the British Isles. It looked for a time as if England would suffer the fate of France.

Under such circumstances as these, the Wesleyan revival broke out. Flames swept Great Britain, but unlike conditions on the Continent, they were spiritual flames — and historians agree that this visitation of divine power preserved law and order in that part of the world. In this instance, the Church shouldered its responsibility.

The parallelism between the state of affairs then and now, is unmistakable.

The roots of modern Communism reach into the subsoil of the eighteenth century. Currents, started back there, are flowing in America today. The vicious and commanding figure of Adam Weishaupt stands out, in bold relief, on the clouded background of European politics. Superficial writers

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God's Word

God's Holy Word has surely been
Inspired of God, and not of men;
No power nor eloquence of man
Could e'er conceive its wondrous plan.

Withstanding all the tests of time
It stands unchanged, unique, sublime,
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All efforts to destroy are vain—
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So hammer on, ye hostile hands
Your hammers break, God's Anvil stands!

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THE PUBLISHERS of Carl Mote's book, "The New Deal Goose Step," announce that it is receiving an excellent reception. The most penetrating analysis of revolutionary political trends yet written, this book proves the fact of Jewish control at the Capital. Mr. Mote is an Indiana attorney and business executive. The Defender has a few copies remaining on its shelves. Price \$2.50.

STATESMEN of the past, who contributed to making the United States a great Nation, have always emphasized the necessity of mass prayer on the part of the people. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln set aside days for fasting and prayer on two different occasions. "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight." Proverbs 15:8.

LAST MONTH, the Editor of The Defender issued a Call for a nucleus of one hundred thousand Bible-believing Christians, to join with him each day — praying that the hidden anti-Christ power which is deceiving millions of Americans by means of press and radio control, **SHALL BE BROKEN**. The response to his suggestion has been entirely satisfactory. A Chain of Prayer is being forged, reaching into every part of the Nation. Unite in dropping prayer-bombs upon the camp of the enemy. Prayer changes things! Pray regularly.

LET CHRISTIANS pray especially for Congressman J. Thorkelson. The hidden control is doing everything possible to interfere with the important public service which he is rendering. Addressing Congress January 16, 1940, he said: "I believe the American people are beginning to appraise the evil of a national press, owned and controlled by enemies of the United States. We, the people, should not forget how we were deceived (during the World War) by false propaganda and distortion of news published then, as now, in a press that does not dare to come out and tell the truth; a press that dares not commend a person who expresses faith in the fundamental principles of this Republic, but will, instead, lend its

pages to unjust personal attacks and abuse of anyone who exposes those engaged in sabotaging of government and industries; a press that is held in no greater esteem by the craft itself than the toast which I now quote."

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THE TOAST, to which Mr. Thorkelson referred, was offered by a former editor of a New York newspaper at an annual press dinner twenty years ago. The editor confessed that he was paid to keep his honest opinions out of his paper, and added: "The work of the New York journalist is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the foot of Mammon, and to sell his race and his country for his daily bread. You know this, and I know it, and what folly is this to be toasting an independent press. **WE ARE THE TOOLS AND VASSALS OF THE RICH JEWS BEHIND THE SCENES**. We are the jumping jacks; they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of these men. We are intellectual prostitutes."

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ONLY NINE LETTERS have been received at Defender offices about the latest smear story against the Editor, published in a Bernarr Macfadden newsstand magazine. Anyway, the article is a deliberate lie, made out of a whole cloth, characteristic of the kind of material being released by the hidden Jewish control. A tide of reaction against the secret masters, responsible for misleading the Christian public, is gathering unmistakable momentum and this means that every lie will eventually become a boomerang.

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THE SPECIAL Prophetical Edition of The Defender for January brought a greater response to Wichita Headquarters, than any other issue of the Magazine ever published. Sincere thanks from the Editor, to all who assisted in making the undertaking a success. Over 6,000 subscriptions to The Defender were received during the month of January. It is evident from the several thousand letters received, that special importance is being attached to the treatise on prophetic trends in Northern and Southern Europe. . . . A comprehensive analysis of conditions in the Far East will appear in an early issue — on the subject "The Kings of the East." (Read Revelation 16:12-16.)

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PRESS DISPATCHES of January 22, 1940 announced that Litvinoff-Fin-

kelstein had been "liquidated" in Moscow. Not many people thought, a few months ago, that Jewish dominance of Russia would ever be broken. For 21 years, the cry of suffering saints has ascended to the Throne of God, pleading for deliverance from the hands of the international antichrists. "And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto the judge, saying, Avenger me of mine adversary . . . I tell you he will avenge them speedily." Luke 18:1-8. A half century would be required to purge the Russian soul of the corroded poison accumulated during these years of atheistic barbarism.

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THE KAGANOVICH FAMILY has been the most powerful Jewish clan in Russia during the entire Soviet Regime. A few years ago, when Stalin's Christian wife died mysteriously, he took a Kaganovich girl to be his bride. As far as can be learned, he is still living with her. Persons familiar with affairs in Moscow, were amazed to learn that on January 11, 1940, Mikhail M. Kaganovich was removed as head of Soviet aviation. An Associated Press dispatch said: "No reason was given for the change." Kaganovich was a guest at Washington in 1937.

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THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT between Russia and Germany broke the backbone of the Third International. Pinks, reds, radicals, liberals, left-wingers, new dealers, modernists and what have you . . . suddenly found themselves working side by side with Hitler. This, to say the least, was an embarrassing predicament. The Communist organizations of the United States became disjointed over night, and it is inevitable that a large section of them will gravitate to the Fourth International under the leadership of Leon Trotsky. Meanwhile, the occult leaven, from which the red movement sprang in its modern form, continues to foment under different names and from behind different fronts in this part of the world.

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DON'T FAIL to send for the complete text of Congressman J. Thorkelson's speech, delivered on the floor of Congress, January 16, 1940. It proves that a Hidden Hand actually controls the news. As a Christian and patriot, you simply **MUST** be armed with these facts. Do not delay writing to Mr. Thorkelson for your free copy. Address him: House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

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of propaganda will not succeed in minimizing the destructive influence of this demon-possessed personage who, on May 1, 1776, founded the Illuminati — out of which came the philosophy of Karl Marx and the Communist organizations of the twentieth century.

Fleeing from Germany to France, Weishaupt and his cohorts, started the subterranean fire that produced the French conflagration. The Jacobin Clubs of the Revolution were nothing more than Illuminati reading rooms and meeting places for lodge members. Hence, Weishaupt was known affectionately as the "Patriarch of the Jacobins."

This was the kind of a hidden influence, the type of Satanic foe, that the Wesleyan revival had to combat.

Karl Marx later revived the secret Weishaupt code and built it into the First Communist Manifesto. Twenty-one years ago, under Lenin and Trotsky, subsidized by a powerful branch of the international banking fraternity, this hidden organization — the Church of the Antichrist, came to the surface again. Its influence has since girdled the globe.

So, right here in our beloved America, we are grappling with the same powers of darkness, the same evil agencies, that the Church has faced in other periods.

It is a matter of historical record that, after giving Europe a blood bath, Weishaupt came to America, hoping to plant the seeds of destruction among the colonies which were dotted along the Atlantic seaboard. Here he was met with an open Bible and a high spiritual tide. Failing to accomplish his objectives in the new world, he returned to Europe where he died a short time later and went to his "reward." With Christians facing, as they are, the greatest challenge our Country has ever known, an important lesson can be learned from this experience on the part of the colonies.

A positive, dynamic Gospel was never more needed than in the present crisis. An uncompromising presentation, a sincere plea for sinful men to turn from their evil ways, a message to probe and pierce the human conscience, a clarion call for a spiritual awakening — this is America's great-

est need. It is at this point that the Church must help guide the Ship of State through the international storm now brewing.

And yet, under these circumstances, when there is so much at stake, a study of our potential resources, must convince one that elements of decay are at work in the ranks of the Church. The basic doctrines of the Faith are being challenged and repudiated, by leaders whose duty it is to defend them. False and heretical teachings are robbing the Church of its power. The gospel of doubt, the gospel of negation and unbelief, is being preached from a thousand pulpits. In the pews, it has become well nigh impossible to determine where the Church leaves off and the world begins. We are counting buttons! *The time, most emphatically, has come to put our house in order.*

The false Christ of Modernism is being preached in the land. It will be a good day in the life of the Church, when laymen come to their senses and refuse to support, either with their money or presence, any preacher or program which is not entirely true to the old Faith.

A Christ without a deity, a gospel minus the redemptive note, a metallic message of Ingersollism, is profaning our churches. There is famine in the Nation — a devastating, spiritual famine. Our spiritual depression is more deadly than our economic depression.

Secular magazines made much over the pronouncement of an eastern rabbi during the Christmas season just past, to the effect that Christianity and Judaism were at last meeting on common ground — through tolerance. He showed exactly how the two systems could get together . . . the only concession for Christians to make, being the sacrifice of the SUPERNATURALNESS of Jesus' character!

Consider carefully the words of this Jewish rabbi, given great acclaim in the controlled press of the United States. He said: "Christmas in liberal America is no longer the dogmatic, denominational, ecclesiastical institution it used to be and, alas, still is in many lands that are drenched with bigotry and blood. An amazing and increasing number of Christians no longer believe in the supernaturalness of Jesus' birth or in the divinity of his person. . . . I say then, as a rabbi, thank God for Christmas! . . . A Jew celebrating

Christmas! Who knows what is back of it? . . . Is it neither treason of Jew nor triumph of Christian but partnership of Jew and Christian in the making of a better world. . . ?"

Note well those words — those anti-Christ words . . . "An increasing number of Christians no longer believe in the supernaturalness of Jesus' birth." In other words, our Lord was what the Jewish Talmud has always declared Him to be—a bastard, and His mother a harlot! "Or in the divinity of his person." In other words, Christians must renounce belief in the deity of Christ, so that Jews and Modernists can get together and build a new form of Judaized Christianity!

This, my friends is far worse, far more dangerous, than counting buttons.

I referred to the demand of the rabbi being couched in "anti-Christ words." I was not using a mere metaphor. The Apostle John wrote on this subject; this is what he said: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." *II John, verse 7.*

It is probable that only a fraction of liberal Protestant preachers understand that their Modernism is simply a restatement of Judaism. Anti-Christian Judaistic doctrines have, over a period of years, been deliberately planted in Christian schools and literature.

Out of the liberal institutions, in turn, Modernistic preachers have come to infiltrate the pews with these ideas. The result is, a hybrid and denatured Gospel, a devitalized Protestant message.

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This is illustrated in the experience of a certain converted Jew in the United States, who, a few years ago was sent over from Europe to take a seat in a large Christian school. Much was made over his intellectual attainments when he arrived. Obviously, it became his mission, as an unconverted Jew, to plant the seeds of Judaism among the students, in the name of liberal theology.

After residing here a few years, he was led to accept Christ. His conversion did not originate in the institution which he was helping to demoralize. Far removed from the campus, he took Christ, in simple faith, to be his true Messiah and Saviour.

But his earlier work in this Country, illustrates the fact of collaboration between Judaism and Modernism. Both Modernists and Jews reject every basic fundamental of the Christian Faith.

In the light of the foregoing facts, the words of Jude were never more timely than today: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

International Pandemonium

Dr. W. D. Herrstrom, Akron, Ohio

PANDEMONIUM is a combination of two Greek words . . . *pan* (all) and *daimon* (demon). Literally, the word is *all-demon*.

Milton used the word *Pandemonium* to designate the capital city of Hell or the executive mansion of Satan. In Funk and Wagnalls dictionary our modern use of the word is defined as follows:

1. The place of abode of all demons, the infernal regions.
2. Hence, any place or gathering remarkable for disorder and uproar.
3. A riotous uproar.

We believe that this word appropriately describes the condition of the world today. There is disorder throughout the world. Satan stands at the head of an organized empire. His present realm of action is this earth. At a later time, his power will be broken over nature and human nature. But this period of the world's history finds him leading the hosts of demon intelligences who hate everything that is good, holy and Christlike. Demon-actuated leadership is creating confusion among all nations.

The Scriptures tell us that the wars in the end of the age are to result from

demon influence: "The spirits of devils (demons) . . . go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

Satan Creates Confusion

God is not the author of confusion. He is a God of *order*! The Devil is a creator of *disorder*. When Satan rebelled against the God of the Universe while all creation still wore the robe of its pristine glory, the confusion was so great that the planets were subjected to a catastrophe from which they have not yet recovered. Some astronomers who play their powerful telescopes upon the dome of the heavens, insist that every planet has been wrecked and ruined, and none but the earth, are habitable by any kind of life known to us.

The geologists who sink their spades into the bowels of the earth, tell us that this planet too has been the victim of an indescribable cataclysm.

This substantiates the Word of God which describes the original earth as being perfect. Later it became literally "a wreck and a ruin," and was shrouded in darkness. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth *became* without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

When Adam was crowned king of the world, Satan invaded that realm and created disorder. In the wake of disobedience to God there followed

thorns, briars, sorrow, murder, corruption and violence that finally culminated in the judgment of the flood.

Corruption and violence are the Siamese Twins spawned by Satan. Violence is always caused by corruption. In the days of Noah, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Man himself was so degraded that he did not recognize his own corruption. Spiritually he was stone blind. In the eyes of man, the world was doubtless getting better and better, during the Noachian dispensation. But "before God" the earth was *corrupt*.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5).

"And the earth was filled with violence" (Gen. 6:11).

"As the Days of Noah"

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37).

The world today has all the characteristics of Noah's day. Leaders who will sell out for prestige, personal popularity, or hard cash are praised as the elite of the earth. This is a decadent generation and moral standards were never lower. Men who are true to their trust, their God, and their Country are smirched and relegated to the psychological concentration camps. We are witnessing the fulfillment of Paul's prophecy of the age-end to Timothy about "despisers of those that are good."

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The "despisers" make corruption a criterion by which men must be measured if they are to qualify for chief positions. Those good men who do rise to prominence become the targets for all the darts of the imps of perdition. Leadership is anything but Godlike today. Good men are persecuted. Bad men are exalted.

The mute evidence of corruption in the moral realm is readily discerned by a glance at the news stands or the advertising that graces—or shall we say disgraces our highways! The filth of the motion picture industry, in the hands of anti-Christian agencies, is another index to the moral sag through which our own Nation is passing. Corruption and violence—Noah days are being repeated.

Violence fills the earth. China, Japan, Russia, Finland, Germany, England, and France are already involved in war. The rioting in Palestine often assumes the proportions of actual warfare. Rumbblings of revolution in many nations may eventually bring on an eruption that will cause other thrones to totter and collapse. In the past five years, Europe, Asia, and Africa have experienced the throes of the destructive force of modern warfare. Will the war spread to the Western Hemisphere in 1940? We shall know shortly.

The Spirit of Dictatorship

The spirit of dictatorship that has gripped the Nations in the past decades, is most significant, in the light of prophecies concerning a coming World Dictator—the Antichrist. Every major country, with the single exception of the United States, is under the iron lash of dictatorship. And the New Deal has created ominous conditions which even threaten the existence of our own Constitutional system. The people of Italy, Germany, Russia, China, Japan, England, and France are all being regimented, compelled to order their lives according to the pattern prescribed by their masters.

Dictatorship legislation for the purpose of regimenting the entire population of the United States in case of war, has already been prepared. Should our Country become involved in a foreign war, that moment individual liberty would disappear from the earth—because the last major power would have succumbed to the Satanic scourge of subjecting the individual to the authority of the State.

Concerning the coming World Dictator, who will be Satan incarnate, the Word of God says:

"And he opened his mouth in blas-

phemy against God. . . . And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overthrow them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongue, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life" (Rev. 13:6-8).

All nations eventually will be ruled by this coming "Man of Sin." Every dictator who has arisen thus far is a forerunner of the Antichrist. Every dictator who regiments populations is regimenting them, to eventually take orders from the Dictator of dictators—Antichrist. War is the principal excuse for dictatorship. Demon spirits are actuating rulers to precipitate and perpetuate wars, in order that individuals may become the chattels of the State, and that later these States may be absorbed by the superstate, the world empire of the Antichrist.

This is the Satanic program, the demonic objective, working from behind the scenes, unfolding before the eyes of millions of dumbfounded people. Pandemonium has broken loose!

The World War and the present wars in Europe and Asia produced all of the dictatorships now in existence. Our participation in Europe's war, during the tragic years of 1917 and 1918, helped set the stage for dictatorship here, by subjecting the American people to abnormal economic and political forces which were operating in the international field. The moral, spiritual, and economic collapse which swept America, was a backwash from the World War.

Dictatorship is the Devil's "remedy" for the world's problems. It is the remedy He will prescribe when He makes the final bid for world power. Dictatorship conforms to the will of Satan but is contrary to the will of God. It was never intended that the children of Divine Sovereign should become the chattels of a demagogic State.

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This present struggle will be followed by a greater war. Some people are making the same mistake as they made during the last War. They thought that one would end in the Armageddon of Revelation 19:17-21. It did not.

The writer believes that the coming Beast will rule for seven years.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate" (Dan. 9:27).

Since the 69 weeks totaled 483 years, there should be no doubt about the seventieth week being a period of seven years. The first half of that period seems to be a time of comparative ease. The last half is the Great Tribulation.

In Revelation, the sixth chapter, the Antichrist is pictured as the counterfeit Prince of Peace. He rides a white horse. The second stage of his reign begins with war. "Power was given to him . . . to take peace from the earth."

The present war promises to set the stage for the coming World Dictator. He will have a plan to effect world peace. The smaller dictators must hand their power over to him.

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PANDEMONIUM.

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True Christianity will be universally outlawed. Antichrist's peace is based upon "force" rather than "righteousness" and therefore will be of short duration. At the end of three and one half years, the greatest war in history begins. It culminates with the Armageddon, after which the Lord returns in glory to end war for all time.

This means that the war now raging in Europe will eventually end, only to be followed by another—a probable blending of the one into the other with a short "breathing spell" between the two.

Palestine

With great eloquence, present developments in Palestine speak of the approaching end of the age. Portions of the barren desert have been transformed into a veritable Eden in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. The development of the railways and highways have a prophetic significance. The transformation in the plains of Esdraelon was predicted in the Scriptures. Moses wrote concerning the oil line which now extends from Iraq to Haifa's harbor. The rainfall has increased. Jews and Arabs have constructed modern homes. The boundaries of Jerusalem have been extended.

There will be peace, but only a short-lived peace, when international Jewry unveils Antichrist, their false Messiah, through negotiating the "covenant" described in Daniel 9:27. Britain will lose control of Palestine. Prophecy indicates that the land will be "divided." Palestine will eventually be annexed to the revived Roman Empire.

A careful study of Ezekiel, chapters thirty-eight and thirty-nine leads one to believe that Moscow will eventually be the headquarters of the Russo-German alliance. Gog, the prince of Moscow (Meshech) is the prominent personage in these chapters.

This will mean the triumph of Communism to the river Rhine or the complete Nazification of Soviet Russia.

Then will come the inevitable clash between Nazi-Communism, and Fascism, to which we have referred in previous articles. The revived Roman Empire will eventually array its forces against the Communist Russo-German alliance, but the two systems may yet stand together against England and France for a time.

The rapidity with which events occur is amazing. More than a year ago the writer prepared a manuscript for a prophetic book, which was recently published. One statement penned in 1938 was the following:

"A voluntary alliance between Germany and Russia is within the range of possibility. . . . For self-preservation Germany may be forced into an alliance with Russia." Now that is history. It is decidedly possible that the year 1940 will witness the Fascists arraying their armies against the forces of Communism, with Germany caught between the two fires.

England and France

Both England and France were in the old Roman Empire and without a doubt will eventually be absorbed by the revived Empire. It is almost a certainty that Mussolini will enter the present conflict in Europe. If he should enter against England and France those nations could be crushed almost immediately. They might voluntarily align themselves with the new Roman Empire as a matter of self-preservation. The year 1940 will probably witness the involvement of Mussolini's Empire in Europe's war.

On the basis of Bible prophecy, England and France must undergo complete economic and political change in order to adapt them to the revived Roman set up. We know that many will object to this because of personal preference or prejudice. However, we cannot change the word of God to suit human whims and fancies. We are only calling attention to what the prophecies say and, far from being new, these deductions have been known to Bible stu-

dents for years, hundreds of books having been written on these and related themes.

The ruler of the revived Roman Empire will not be content with her present boundaries. Eventually they must extend to include all the territory bordering on the Mediterranean, embracing the same area as in Trajan's time.

If Europe's present war continues very long no doubt Imperial Rome will cut another slice out of the Mediterranean territory.

The cessation of hostilities between Russia and Japan has placed China at a disadvantage. The participation of England and France in Europe's war has also cut off supplies for China. Russia has had to give up her plans for the conquest of Asia. *Now the Russian Bear will be content to take India into her embrace if she can; and is satisfied to let Japan take China.* According to Bible prophecy Japan will eventually be the dominating force in the Orient. Present trends are setting the stage for that development.

No Date Setting

And so, with these events taking place, all signs point to the soon coming of our Lord. We do not believe in setting dates, for the times and seasons are in the hands of God. Not only that, but God has never dealt with the Church on the basis of an earthly calendar.

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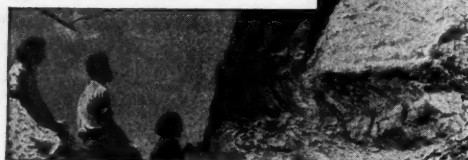
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ally already seated with Christ in heavenly places. After the Church is taken out of the world at the Rapture, then it will be time enough to begin to count off the last seven years of this age. Until then, no date setting!

However, the Scriptures are clear that those who are living close to the Lord will not be taken by surprise. They are able to read "the signs of the times." As the sprouting leaves herald the approach of spring, so will world events herald the approach of the Lord of glory.

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Christians should pray that America will keep out of Europe's turmoil. War means dictatorship for America. Dictatorship means the collapse of everything that Christians love. America is the last bulwark of civilization. The downfall of America will mean complete international chaos.

But for Christians to give up the battle now, would be to assume an attitude of fatalism. Our business is to "occupy" until He comes. If America is faithful to God, she may escape much sorrow until the Lord descends from Heaven with a shout. If America is unfaithful, she must suffer the consequences.

If Washington Were President Today

Dr. Elmer James Rollings, Detroit, Michigan

ONE hundred and forty-one years ago at the age of sixty-seven the son of a Virginia farmer passed away.

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Napoleon Bonaparte ordered public mourning through all France, and the entire civilized world was bowed in grief and respect.

In not quite threescore and ten years, the man whose birthday we are commemorating, established a nation, twice occupied the seat of highest honor in that nation, firmly declined an insistent public demand for a third term and with life's work well done and the applause of a nation ringing in his ears, sat down to rest; but for men with such immeasurable capacity for accomplishment there is no rest, and soon the bugle called again, this time to fields where service is not limited by time.

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Washington, D. C., and you have stood in the shadow of the Washington Monument, and if you have, you have been impressed by the dominating transcendence of that towering piece of masonry, the highest in the world, mounting 555 feet, to dominate that great city, the Capital of the greatest nation God's eye has ever looked upon.

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Our subject, "IF GEORGE WASHINGTON WERE PRESIDENT TODAY," is an interesting one in this year of 1940 when American traditions and institutions are lightly treated by men in high places. We wish to view the convictions, accomplishments and character of Washington and measure them against the background of problems, difficulties and conditions of today.

Speculating as to what any man long since dead would do in specific circumstances under the changed conditions of a new day is like picking an all time, all-American football or baseball team. What a Heston or a Jim Thorpe would do under the rules of today with the forward pass and the open running game, or what a Ty

Cobb or Christy Mathewson would do with the lively ball is largely speculation, and yet we have every reason to believe with the combination of speed, brains and brawn possessed by these great stars, they would repeat in the modern game. And so we believe that as Washington met, analyzed and conquered the problems of his age, so that same keen brain, undaunted courage and inexhaustible devotion would spell success and victory in this new day.

May we pause here just long enough to refresh for our mind's eye the physical appearance of the great man we are thinking about. You have seen the Savage portrait of a stern commander, the Charles Willson Peale portrait of "The Virginia Colonel," and doubtless you have seen the most famous of all, the Houdon bust selected by the Washington Bi-Centennial Commission as the official Washington portrait for the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth.

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c. Need just such a guide
3. The Road—"path"
a. One of many
b. Is a narrow road
c. Not many going this way
4. The Destination, "life"
a. Contrast with death
b. A delightful anticipation
c. A glorious consummation

Sample Outline

WASHINGTON.

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dent belonged and as you pass from one interesting exhibit to another you will suddenly be confronted by a small vault, built into the east wall, and as the custodian swings open the door you will look upon the *only* portrait of Washington that met with the full approval of our first President.

He was not like most of us — we want to be flattered, we go to the photographer and he poses us and snaps the picture and then his work begins, with retouch pencil he removes the crows' feet and the moles and takes out the hard lines, and we come back and view the proof, and then we order several dozen so none of our friends will be cheated out of the rare privilege of having our photograph, and we remark that it would probably be a good thing for his business if the photographer would put one in the show case and send one to the local paper. Not so with Washington — he viewed the many paintings by the greatest portrait painters of the day and the busts by the great sculptors, but on one painting and one only did he put his approval. In 1794 he viewed and approved the painting executed by William Williams of Philadelphia for the Masonic Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia.

With the popular conception in mind, if you looked upon that portrait, without being told, you would never recognize it as Washington. It is a front view in full Masonic regalia, his hair is a reddish brown, a sickly red, the hair is very thin and frazzled at the ends, the nose and face are covered with ugly pox marks, the result of smallpox, a big discoloured mole under the right ear around which the skin is drawn and a mean looking scar across the left cheek, freckles interspersed with the pox marks, and a mouth with thin lips drawn tightly at the corners be-

traying suffering both mental and physical... on this portrait, and on this one only, did the great American put his approval.

That picture valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars will be, if it has not already been, moved to the great new Masonic Memorial across the Potomac from the Capital.

With this picture, of a man who still stands at the head of a long list of immortal Americans, before us, let us proceed with our topic, "What would George Washington do if he were President today?" I suppose the great problems which give us concern today can be classified under four general headings, (1) External (2) Internal (3) Infernal (4) Eternal.

What would George Washington do about the EXTERNAL or international problems facing the United States today? *A man is best interpreted by his own words and actions!*

Washington's international policy in a word was "NEUTRALITY IN THE CONCERNS OF OTHER NATIONS NOT AFFECTING AMERICAN INTERESTS." Washington's proclamation of neutrality at the beginning of the war between France and Great Britain makes plain his foreign policy. April 22, 1793, he said: "The duty and interest of the United States require that they should with sincerity and good faith adopt and pursue a conduct friendly and impartial toward France and Great Britain. My ardent desire is, and my aim has been, to keep the United States free from political connections with every other country, to see them independent of all and under the influence of none. In a word, I want an American character that the powers of Europe may be convinced we act for ourselves and not for others. In my judgment, this is the only way to be respected abroad and happy at home. We must not become partisans of Great Britain or France!"

Organized propaganda financed by alien foes within our gates is now fanning war hysteria into a nationwide conflagration. All Europe and Asia are engulfed in a bloody holocaust, BUT, it is not our quarrel, so let us follow the example of Washington.

What did we get out of the last

war? One hundred and twenty thousand graves under the poppies of France, and five hundred thousand wounded and disabled, wrecked, young men, and financial bankruptcy. Europe still owes us Twelve Billion dollars of repudiated debts and Eighteen Billion dollars of private debts, and with the lone exception of Finland all we have received in payment is insolence from the foreign press. Because we sympathize deeply with a nation or nations is no reason for sacrificing the lives of hundreds of thousands of young men to settle a quarrel that is not ours. Our Chief Executive might well review the policies of Washington and Lincoln and call the people of this great Christian Nation together to pray for PEACE.

The late Will Rogers once said: "Lotsa headlines today. Mussolini's troops camped on the Austrian border. Hitler says nothing (which means that he is too busy moving troops). England lends Moral support (yes, and two battleships). France backs Austrian government (and sends a few hundred planes over to deliver the message). Japan almost on verge of prostration



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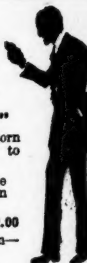
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Internal

What would George Washington do about our acute political problems and the party hatred of today?

It is true that Washington retired to private life leaving bitter party hatred between the two great parties, but it is also true that he had led the Nation out of the labyrinth of chaos and left it with a Constitution in operation and on its way to progress and development.

The significant fact is that he kept in his own Cabinet through these stormy days two men who represented the north and south poles of political thought, Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, and Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State.

Jefferson called Hamilton a monarch, and Hamilton called Jefferson an anarchist, and the parties they represented, Federalists and Republicans, were literally at each other's throats, yet in spite of this Washington, THE STATESMAN, kept these two geniuses on his Cabinet and saved for his Country their ability and skill. TODAY SUCH STATESMANSHIP IS NOT HEARD OF, APPOINTMENTS GO TO PARTY MEN TO PAY POLITICAL DEBTS, with little regard for ability.

In Washington's day they knew no such party animosity as is demonstrated after every election today. If there is a change in party control, the successful party now sets about to try and incriminate and jail every important figure of the retiring or defeated party. To vigorously attack a man's views during an election campaign is one thing, but to smear his character by innuendo and attempt to destroy him by a vicious canard, is quite another and in the last eight years we have witnessed the most diabolical plotting by secret unconstitutional tri-

bunals against every man who dared to raise his voice against the party in power.

In his immortal farewell address, September 17th, 1796, Washington made an earnest plea for the Union of the States, and an equally earnest admonition against the violence of party spirit, a thing, which he said, should be discouraged.

Inferral

What Washington would do about this wave of "Red" lawlessness that has swept our Nation in recent years is easily determined.

I want to cite just one instance of the firmness with which the great Statesman dealt with law violators (not as a politician would deal). I refer to the Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania in 1792. As usual the whiskey gang was breaking the law and openly defying the government. (They have always been outlaws and always will be.) There was no hesitance or pussyfooting or counting of votes with Washington, he ordered fifteen thousand militia from New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, to the scene to enforce Federal Law. Here is an extract from an official letter from him to General Daniel Morgan written at Washington's own camp in Carlisle, Pa., in the fall of 1792:

"If a minority, and a small one, is suffered to dictate to a majority after measures have undergone the most solemn discussions by the representatives of the people, and their will through this medium is enacted into law, there can be no security for life, liberty or property; nor if the laws are not to govern can any man know how to conduct himself with safety."

In recent years we witnessed the taking over of the capital of my own State by the storm troops of John L. Lewis, flying the misnomer of C. I. O. Streets were deliberately blocked by

trucks and cars, all traffic including public conveyances suspended, stores were ordered closed by the C.I.O. committee, public and private property was destroyed. In Flint, Detroit and Monroe, mob violence ruled, rights of private ownership sacredly protected in our Constitution were violated, private property was illegally occupied, confiscated and destroyed by the strikers, law was trampled underfoot, and the dignity of the courts laughed at and the officials ignored.

In San Francisco the C.I.O. took over the city, controlled food supply, and in general conducted themselves in a ruthless, violent and lawless manner. In Portland, Oregon, they refused to unload or allow anyone else to unload, boatloads of corn and other food for Oregon's great turkey farms, and as a result thousands of turkeys either were destroyed or starved to death with food laden ships lying in the Portland harbor. Some hungry children in this Country could have used those turkeys. In the recent tie-up of the Chrysler plants in Detroit, Michigan the "goon squads" of John Lewis toured the city with iron pipe cudgels, spreading terror among the workers and intimidating men who refused to pay for the privilege of working.

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WASHINGTON.

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ably what he would have done had he been in the White House during the recent labor revolutions in this Country.

Washington said: "Let the reins of the government be braced, and held with a steady hand, and every violation of the Constitution be apprehended. If defective, let it be amended, but not suffered to be trampled upon while it has an existence."

Eternal

You hear all kinds of misrepresentation today of Washington, Lincoln, and the great national leaders of yesterday. Not long ago the *Indianapolis Star* quoted Professor Logan Earsey of Indiana University as saying that Washington did not belong to any church. Either the professor is deceitful or ignorant of history. Washington was not only a member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Alexandria, but was a regular communicant and a vestryman. In fact we have his own testimony that he was a church man. Soldiers had been reported as throwing stones at the old Litchfield church, and in his order and reprimand Washington said: "I am a church man, and will not see the church dishonored and desecrated in this manner."

Prayer was an army order in Washington's army!

Profanity was tabooed and the officers ordered to take severe measures to stop what the great General called the "foolish and scandalous practice of profane swearing."

All through his remarkable career he refers to God and His providence.

His last utterance, the day before retirement to private life, was this: "I can never believe that Providence, which has guided us so long and through such a labyrinth, will withdraw its protection at this crisis."

In his inaugural address at New York, April 30th, 1789, he referred to the God Who rules the universe, Who presides in the councils of the nations, Whose providential aids can supply every human defect.

In 1776 Congress authorized the employment of Chaplains after most urgent requests from Washington. The commanding officers of each regiment were directed by the Commander-in-Chief to obtain for this purpose per-

sons of good character and exemplary lives. "The blessing and protection of Heaven," read the General's orders, "are at all times necessary, but especially so in times of public distress and danger. The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country."

In his address announcing the cessation of hostilities issued April 19th, 1782, Washington displayed his fine religious attitude: "The Commander-in-Chief orders the cessation of hostilities between the United States and the King of Great Britain to be publicly proclaimed at the New Building and that the Proclamation which will be communicated herewith be read tomorrow evening at the head of every regi-

ment and corps of the army, after which the Chaplains with the several brigades will render thanks to Almighty God for all His mercies, particularly for His overruling the wrath of man to His own glory and causing the rage of war to cease amongst the nations."

John Marshall, the great Chief Justice of the United States said: "George Washington was a sincere believer in the Christian faith and a very devout man."

The people of this great Nation need to turn back to the God of George Washington! Great nations of other days forgot God and today the archaeologists are digging for their ruins.

Washington prayed — We need to pray!

Washington feared God — We need a holy fear of God today!

Answering A "Modern Mind"

Rev. Joseph W. Arnett, Pastor United Brethren Church, Circle, Mont.

"I am a liberal and a modern," proudly boasts Dr. Fredrick K. Stamm in an article, "Millions of Backsliders," which appears in the current issue of *Country Home*.

Dr. Stamm is a radio Minister for the Federal Council of Churches and it does not take one long to discover that he is a typical Federal Council product — standing for everything in general and nothing in particular. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16); therefore let us hold certain ideas expressed by Dr. Stamm before the searchlight of the Scriptures.

It cannot be said too emphatically that the Gospel of the Federal Council is NOT THE GOSPEL OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be ac-

cursed." (Galatians 1:6-9.)

Modern Liberalism rejects such New Testament fundamentals as the Inspiration of the Scriptures, the Virgin Birth of our Lord, the Blood Atonement, the doctrine of the New Birth, etc. Since it denies the efficacy of the atoning sacrifice of Christ, it has no Blood — and "without the shedding of blood is no remission." Consequently, the Gospel of Liberalism is "another gospel," of the type condemned by Paul. It is an anemic gospel. Being anemic, it lacks life; is unable to wield an influence for righteousness upon the consciences of people; has no power to uproot sin, transform lives or perpetuate itself through the power of evangelism.

"I met a preacher a short time ago," writes Dr. Stamm, "who was all excited over the pari-mutuel betting law. Now, a lot of people don't know much about pari-mutuel betting and care less, but some political-minded preacher had gotten the other ministers in the community all steamed up over it, and everywhere throughout the community pastors were wasting their precious minutes in the pulpit preaching against betting." If "preaching against betting," condemning sin, makes one a "political-minded preacher," then let us have more "political-minded" ones. God's Word, which is

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PROPHECY PROSPECTS

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conspicuously absent from Dr. Stamm's writing, states definitely how ministers should deal with sin. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Timothy 4:2).

One purpose of the Gospel is to probe the conscience. Only by this means can the conscience be kept active. If ministers do not discharge this obligation, pray tell who will! The Gospel is not salve to soothe the conscience. It is energy to stir the conscience. Liberalism would have Christians close their eyes to sin, compromise with sin, become partakers of sin, forgetting that believers are exhorted to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Thank God for preachers who still have the courage and prophetic foresight to cry out against evil. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins," (Isaiah 58:1).

Dr. Stamm militantly condemns preachers "who devote their time and energy to fighting Sunday movies, and to denouncing Sunday baseball and football, on the grounds that they violate one of the Ten Commandments." Let us now turn to more authentic words on this subject, "Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

The *Country Home* writer says further, "Many ministers . . . want a Sunday monopoly of the people's attention. And, if you ask me, they don't deserve it as long as they don't know how to preach."

Just who are you, Dr. Stamm, to make a statement like that? What

kind of an egotist are you, anyway? Since when have you become the judge, to determine who knows, and who doesn't know, how to preach? I rule you out of order. Neither you, nor the Federal Council machine, is authorized to sit in judgment. The humblest minister, out at the crossroads, knows "how to preach," if he is true to the Blessed Book and the words of our Lord.

Incidentally, sir, I for one would not consult you as an authority on "how to preach," because in this entire lengthy article, you do not once mention, except repulsively, God's Word.

In railing against ministers who "preach against smoking," Dr. Stamm says, "Abstinence from tobacco won't save civilization. But religion will." If civilization is to be saved, it will not be saved by religion, as Dr. Stamm states, but by a Person. That Person said very plainly: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Do not expect Liberal preachers to take a stand against sin, because their gospel is anemic — bloodless.

"If I were to devote my radio time," he continues, "to excoriating cocktails, cigarettes and petting, I'd soon find the stations all over the land closed against me, and, in less time than I can tell it, I would be politely requested to stop preaching. Why? Because I would lose my audience. Most people have had more experience with all three of these 'evils' than I have. But I have had a lot of experience with religion and the soul, and that is what I try to preach so that others will understand them." This paragraph reminds one of certain ministers who preach to aristocratic, wealthy church members in the following manner: "Brethren, you must repent, as it were, and be converted in a measure, or you will be damned to some extent." If I remember correctly many of the early disciples preached in such a way that they were "politely requested to stop preaching" — and sometimes not even "politely." "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our

hearts" (I Thessalonians 2:4).

The foregoing statement by Dr. Stamm is more than a statement — it is a confession. He shows himself to be a coward. It is a cowardly thing to compromise with sin. The Liberals need to be told plainly that the denominations to which they belong, the pulpits that they are prostituting, were established by men of courage and conviction—spiritual giants who would under no circumstances have compromised their messages as Dr. Stamm admits he had compromised his!

Paul said there would come a time in the church when people would have "itching ears." Is Dr. Stamm a "scratching preacher?" "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:3-4).

The Federal Council author informs us that "There isn't a single denominational difference in Protestant churches today which of itself will help save the world. The only thing that will save it is the thing all churches have in common — Christianity."

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ANSWERING.

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Does the learned Doctor believe that "all churches" have Christianity — the genuine, salvation brand? Has he never heard that there are some churches "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof?" (II Timothy 3:5)

Jesus quite specifically said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life" (Matthew 7:14); however, in spite of this, Dr. Stamm writes: "I find that the trouble with many country people is that they are too narrow in their views, too sectarian." This thrust at "country people" is to be resented. The highest moral standards and the deepest religious convictions in the United States are to be found in the great open spaces, the rural districts.

After advocating that churches in

certain smaller communities join together, he says, "Let them put up a community house where young people can gather, where they can play, and where they can cultivate initiative. And let no one call the young people bad because they use the community house, under proper supervision, for dancing, card playing and theatricals." Does "dancing, card playing and theatricals" glorify God? If not, they are unscriptural, for "whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). Also, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22).

"Millions of Backsliders" by Dr. Fredrick K. Stamm is a product from Bible-rejecting Modernism. Let it constitute a challenge for Bible-loving Christians to "search the scriptures" that they may "Prove all things; (and) hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

quantity of "magic eyes." They seem to be amulets intended to ward off the Evil Eye. It is difficult to determine whether there is any underlying connection between them and the well-known Egyptian magical symbol of the Horus-eye and the apotropaic amulets of Mesopotamia. But the Mesopotamian tablets establish the fact, that belief in the Evil Eye is of great antiquity.

The apotropaic amulets of various types are common in all Palestine, yet there is no direct mention of the Evil Eye in the Old Testament. There are several passages, however, that seem to infer such, or refer to it indirectly.

The same sort of artifact was found at Carthage, and was called the "Tears of the Carthaginians." In Carthage, as at Brak, the "Tears" were so numerous that the archaeologist was compelled to walk upon them.

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Professor Albright again attacks the problem of the fall of Jericho and the conquest of Canaan. He seems determined to bring the conquest down within the thirteenth century B. C., and says that the burden of proof for an earlier date now rests entirely upon those who hold to this view.

With the wealth of new archaeological material at the command of the scholar, it is important in the field of Old Testament studies, to make a thorough re-examination of this subject in all its phases. But, if I may offer a suggestion, I would remark that Professor Albright will be eventually compelled to revise his views of the subject. His major Gordian Knot will be how to compress the dynasties into the small era which such a thesis demands. Later I shall have something to say on this problem.

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Archaeological Accomplishments of 1939

Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, Madison College, Tennessee

DUE to the political unrest of the world, archaeological field work has been interrupted, and even brought to a standstill, in some areas.

Men on the field have encountered physical dangers. This has caused the majority of workers to abandon their tasks. There has been little archaeological activity in Palestine for some several months. Sir William Flinders Petrie, the dean of all archaeologists, has retired to the safety of the city of Jerusalem and others are following his example. Thus the year 1939 has witnessed few achievements and yet some discoveries of more than ordinary importance were made.

At Tanis, Egypt the archaeologists Montet and Drioton have made remarkable excavations and their findings relate directly to the Bible. The reader will remember that one of the Pharaoh's, a man named Shishak, invaded Judah and plundered Jerusalem

during the reign of Rehoboam. Among the things he carried away to Egypt were the golden shields, and quivers and arrows of David.

When the tomb of this monarch was recently identified, the present King of Egypt was given the honor of opening it. The above mentioned artifacts were found in the tomb; in other words, "the goods were found" on the Pharaoh.

The entire contents of the tomb have not yet been made known. A series of important burial places were found in that region which date from about 1090 B. C. to 745 B. C., covering the twenty-first and twenty-second dynasties, i. e., from the reign of Solomon to that of Jotham.

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In the northern part of Mesopotamia is an ancient city known as Brak. At this site the archaeologist Mallowan has been working throughout the year. At least one strange item has been uncovered that relates to the religion and folklore of the people of antiquity.

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Ur of the Chaldees, the city of Abraham, was excavated by Sir Leonard Woolley. He has spent the last three years at Atchana, the ancient Alalakh.

The results have been very fruitful in cuneiform material, throwing light upon the history of Syria and Palestine, dating back to about the time of Abraham. One of the most outstanding finds, was a limestone statue, of either a king or a god having fifty lines of cuneiform script upon it. The script has not yet been translated. We shall know more about it in the future.

The chief reason for the excavations at Atchana, was the hope of securing proof of connection between Minoan Crete and the Asiatic mainland. Evidence of this connection has apparently been found. The second reason was to see if there was any likeness in the script used, with the Ras Shamra script.

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The American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem, has completed a surface survey of the Transjordan including Edom and Moab. Over 750 sites have been visited, pottery fragments examined, existing ruins photographed, sketch plans made, and many important individual finds discovered. The country from the Gulf of Akaba to the Wadi Zerka (Biblical Jabbok) was carefully and methodically surveyed, square mile by square mile.

This work shows that the physical civilization of Edom and Moab was at least equal to that of Israel. The Edomites and Moabites were Semitic. These Semites emerging from the desert, had made a footing for themselves in the land of Sown (cultivated), sometime during the beginning or middle of the fourteenth century B. C. They took possession of the fertile lands in southern Transjordan and turned from nomadic habits to those of the tillers of the soil.

In this process these people either drove out or absorbed, or both, the Bedu, who from about 1900 B. C. had been the masters of what later became Edom and Moab. Coming after them were the Israelites on their great Exodus from Egypt, who found the Edomites and Moabites strongly entrenched in the path.

The Israelites were compelled to go to the eastward of this land in order to attain to the northern part of the Transjordan. This they did and settled in northern Transjordan and parts of Palestine. And here is a curious fact: The Edomites and Moabites have entirely passed from the human stage, but the Israelites still carry on. The extinction of the two former groups became complete during the sixth century B. C. In the height of their development, these kingdoms ranked powerfully among the nations. They were ever prone to ally themselves with the great Babylonian Empire.

We are now able to fix the borders of both kingdoms. This is facilitated by the lines of fortresses which can be traced on the borders. These fortresses were necessary then as now, to hold back the hungry hordes of Bedouin. If this precaution was not taken, even at the present time, no agriculture could exist in the Transjordan. We had an example of this as late as 1921. The "Royal Road" can still be traced, and the reality of Balaam of Ammon and Balak, king of Moab fully established.

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These stamps were carved from limestone, cast in bronze, and sometimes made from other metals. Some were in the form of rings to be worn

upon the finger of the owner. Others were of different shapes and sizes, indicating various departments of government. In Judaea there were two types of stamps: those bearing inscriptions, and those of the pictorial type without inscription; another class had both inscriptions and pictures. The Galilean types were eighty-nine per cent pictorial. The stones used were agate, quartzite and white opal, in addition to limestone and metal.

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Mr. Stewart Perowne has revived the question as to why the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon, as related in II Chronicles 9:1-12. He suggests that the visit may have been primarily a commercial proposition. This fact was established by the writer more than two years ago, due to the "finds" at the head of the Gulf of Akaba. But Mr. Perowne locates the kingdom of Sheba in the wrong place. It was not southern Arabia, but what is now Ethiopia, and the capital of the country was at Aksum.

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I wish to call the attention of my readers to the work of the famous Colonel T. E. Lawrence, "Oriental Assembly," which contains the last written words of the distinguished Britisher. This book is a revelation of the man of mystery who did such strange things in the desert areas of the Near East during the days of the World War. It is a diary of a journey across the Euphrates. It was written for himself alone, but has now been released to the public. It is more than worth the while to read it.

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While in Korea a few years ago I made a special effort to find some typical Korean music. I kept urging the boys in the schools there to sing for me some of the typical Korean songs. Why they were so reluctant about it, I could not understand. Finally they told me that after becoming Christians they did not want to sing the Korean folk songs because most of them carried a vulgar thought. Then I began to realize how important it was that we get for these young Christians some Gospel Songs with a lilt and melody to take the place of the songs they could no longer sing.

Both in Japan and Korea I made a proposition to any young man or young woman interested in music, who wanted to study in America and then go back to their own country, and give their life to the development of the Gospel in song among their people. Any of them who could make their way to this country, I would look after their expense in school and provide for their musical training. During the last few years I have had eight of them over here. Six are back at work carrying the message in Gospel song.

The first to come was Ugo Nakada, a very bright boy from Tokio, Japan. He was my interpreter when I was in that part of the world. He translated many of the Gospel Songs into Japanese. Then he wrote them out for me phonetically so I could pronounce words. I even made sixteen records of Gospel Songs in Japan in Japanese, and some people were gracious enough to say that they were more understandable than records that had been made by real Japanese.

This boy came to the United States, was here for three years, graduated from the Chicago Musical College, and is now at the head of one of the greatest music schools in Tokio, the most prominent director of religious music in all that vast empire.

After he had been here a few months we sent for his little sweetheart. They were married under the big willow tree at "Rainbow Point," which is my home in Winona Lake, Indiana. They have two lovely children and are doing a marvelous work among their own people through the Gospel in song.

Then another Korean boy came named Kim. This boy, in order to pay me special honor, changed his own first

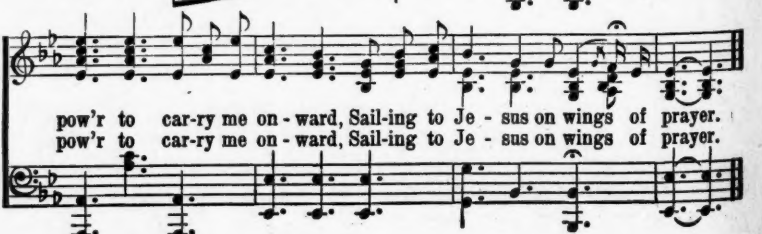
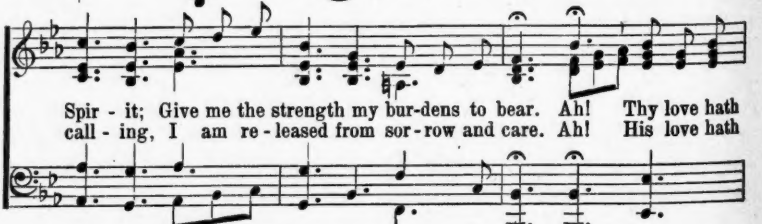
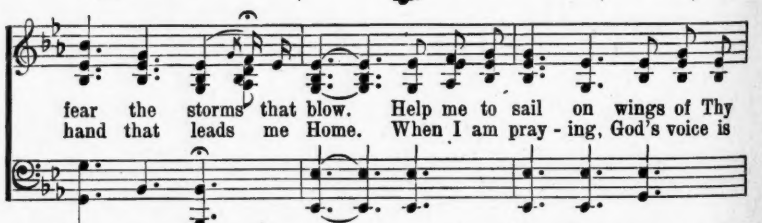
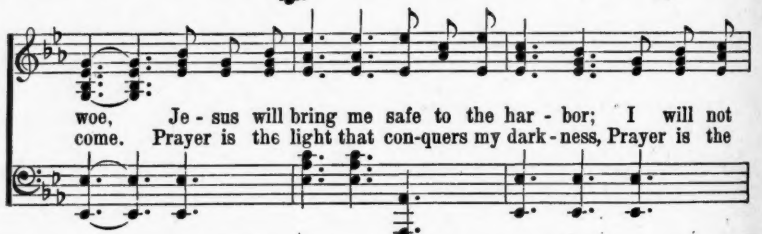
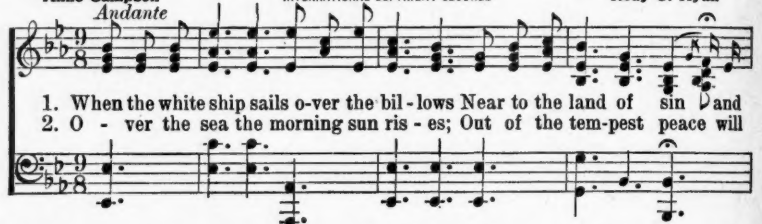
name and adopted mine. He is now known as Homer Kim. He, too, had a little Korean sweetheart. We brought her to this Country and they were married at Winona Lake.

Then came the boy who brought us this melody, Cha Myun Hyun. He, too, wanted to honor me. Since the other Korean boy had taken my first name, he took my nickname and is now known as Rody Hyun. He was here for three years and also got the degree from a Music School in this Country. He not only has one of the loveliest tenor voices among all our many students — but is also a thorough musician, a composer, an arranger, and director of a band.

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It is a joy and satisfaction to me to realize that while I am working here, because of a little investment, these boys are carrying on the Gospel message to those far away lands.

As you sing this unusual song, remember in your prayers these wonderful missionaries who are having such a struggle over there.

The Value of Cultural Studies

Hon. Wilbert Helm, Vice President of Friends of the Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois

IN RECENT years, those who seek a totalitarian and regimented world, have seen in the vast numbers of American students and teachers, a field in which the seeds of their theories can be sown.

They have therefore moved heaven and earth to control our schools and make them vehicles for the creation of a "changing world and social order"—to use their own words.

They have counted on the fact that the average citizen leaves the conduct of the schools to the professional educator. The latter, busy with his own institution, has little time to think of national educational policies and curricula; thus giving the ism-spreaders and self-styled experts, even though a minority of our teaching force, a free hand to direct education's policies, decide its purposes, and select its curriculum.

The last offers them a fertile field for shaping the training and economic ideas of teachers, and our future generations. To that end they try to eliminate those studies that set forth the struggle of mankind in seeking sound economic and governmental policies. They try to minimize the subjects that provide background and training against those isms which make of the citizen a non-entity and puppet of State control. Such studies are, especially in the High School — Mathematics, Latin, History, Science, English, and Modern Languages, which most people agree serve the purpose of an all around education and mental training at the adolescent period, better than any others yet suggested.

Senate Bill 1305

In place of these, our centralized government supporters would emphasize merely informational studies, sociological and controversial topics, together with trade and vocational training; thus narrowing the student's vision of life and shaping it as the agitator desires.

They know that a broad educational background is no friend of dictators, who can put over their schemes only among those ignorant of the past and unable to think accurately and to see behind the altruistic poses of those who seek to deprive them of their liberties.

To offset this sophistry and diabolical purpose, the cultural studies must be emphasized and preserved as never before. Every citizen must be a watchman at the portals of the schoolhouse and support only patriotic and American-minded teachers, as against those traitors to education and liberty who seek to supplant them with the devotees of alien ideologies, and control all school policies.

At this point, I must make reference to a most dangerous piece of national legislation, Senate Bill Number 1305, already reported favorably in Senate committee, and therefore especially to be opposed by all citizens through letters to their representatives in the Congress.

It calls for a vast appropriation by the wealthier States of the Union to the less favored ones, supposedly in behalf of their educational uplift, but all too likely to end up in a vast political gorge at the expense of the taxpayers and to the amusement of the abundant-life boys at Washington. Especially to be avoided is its placing in the hands of the Commissioner of Education, now only an advisory official, full and centralized control of every phase of our educational life, he in turn to be directed by the President who appoints him. It is the most dangerous of all totalitarian proposals!

Today, no man knows when his present job or vocation may fade out. If his mental background and training are narrow, at such a time of personal crisis, his chances of reemployment or adjustment are limited because his flexibility of thought and adaptability to new environments and habits are undeveloped, as compared to their status if he has had the benefits provided by cultural studies. This

statement is being proved today by concrete cases in large numbers, which add to our ranks of the unemployed. This surely gives our subject a very practical application which can be measured in dollars and cents from the tax point of view, if from no other.

Trained Thinkers Needed

Business is more complex than ever. There is no place for "dubs" in it, even though they may have got by, in better times. Now only the best trained and mentally alert are retained. I know this from conversation with many executives and personnel managers. Youth must learn this and I believe is learning it and, as a result, knows the value of cultural studies and resents their elimination. The loafer in a school penalizes himself only, and it is criminal for any teacher or social group to foster ideas and educational methods that soften the schoolroom atmosphere.

All governmental affairs — local, national, and world — are more complex and baffling than ever, even to trained minds. Since we are a Republic and each citizen has a vote, will we idly permit mass training and ability to think to lag and be lessened, at a time when the public is confronted with more serious problems than ever?

Today the job of being a citizen and the protection of his own status under the "Bill of Rights" requires a tightening of our educational standards. Any group that thinks otherwise is a vital enemy and must be exposed and fought with vigor.

Business especially must realize this for its own efficiency and progress. Teachers must see the importance of thorough work, for their own reputations' sake and that they may win the necessary financial backing from business. The two supporting each other with understanding and sympathy may be able to stave off the day when education becomes a curse, instead of a bulwark for civilization, especially the kind which the average American-minded person hopes to see survive.

(Editor's Note: Regarding Senate Bill 1305 to which Mr. Helm refers, the bulletin, *News and Views*, says: "This bill is regarded by many as one of the greatest threats to the American system proposed since the New Dealers have been in power — because of the revolutionary changes it would eventually effect.")



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never have flowered if his teachers hadn't "thought the meager funds would be better spent on other pupils."

"If they had kept the boy in school," Wood declares, "dragging him through the curriculum and its attendant rituals, the keen edge of his mind might have been dulled and its creative impulses destroyed."

The wealth of the Roosevelt family kept Franklin D. at the job of education, and, apparently, not without some profit; for, as a friend of mine has said: "In the East, they progress by degrees."

However, a Harvard degree in Law seems not to have functioned in life, for if the record is clear, Mr. Roosevelt, as an attorney, was a signal failure.

In business, his success was equally nil.

It is an interesting study in sociology to trace the pre-political history of present-day economic prophets. The most of them had, in common with Mr. Roosevelt, failure in both business and profession.

Since public sentiment has veered to the opinion expressed sometime ago by Channing Pollock to the effect that "anyone with \$2.00 is a plutocrat of great wealth and public enemy Number 1," we have ceased to put in charge of state affairs, men who ever made any money of their own; but have turned all over to the economic theorists who are, at the same time, financial failures.

Possibly Mr. Roosevelt's inability at both the practice of Law and the administration of business, accounts for his deep sympathy with America's incapables. In his dreamy moments he may have had a nightmare of what would have happened to him had not his father left him one fortune and Eleanor brought him another.

But we pass from "The Man Roosevelt" to —

THE UNITED STATES RULER

Such a stride as this is not taken in a second, nor made by a single bound. There must, in the nature of the case, be journeys, stopping points, and new starts. Even the Flying Machine seldom crosses the width of a Continent without coming to a stop.

The trail taken by Mr. Roosevelt is clearly marked and mapped. Studying life's possibilities, he seems to have

made the one choice that held both office and honor for him. In that matter one is compelled to admire his judgment.

He chose politics for his profession.

The editor of *The American Mercury* says: "To this calling he had every natural qualification for success in American politics. He had personality; he had affability; he was persuasive in speech; seductive in manner, and he was able to secure one political job after another." And, like the modern flying machine, he rose as he went.

The Pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, recently related in my hearing a story of an old Swedish lady, a member of his church, who at 75 took her first flight over the Twin Cities and returned not only safely, but her face wreathed in smiles—more than content with the trip. When they asked her how she managed it she said, with a delightful Swedish brogue:

"Oh, I prayed."

And when they asked: "What did you say?" She answered again: "I said: 'Oh Yesus; yust look vat I am up to!'"

The first thing we knew, Mr. Roosevelt was up to the Governorship of New York. One who reads the history of that Governorship can readily imagine that it would have been forever his undoing, for it was as Governor of New York that he displayed his business inability on the greatest scale, so that by the time he had finished his term, the greatest State in the Union (from the standpoint of population) was deeply in the red. But, the taxpayer was the only person who had occasion of disturbance on that account; and the politicians who make officials had been contacted, and converted, in large numbers, into personal friends.

In other words, by power of appointment and place of prestige, he had made for himself popular acceptance with the political potentates who manipulate the Chess Board of horses and men, and give triumph to kings.

His first great step, then, was the Governorship.

I do not think that I would consent wholly to Mencken's appraisal of his position in that office. He says of it:

"It is enough to say that it shows no distinguished public service from beginning to end, and no trace of distinguished action at any time. It is, on the face of it the rec-

ord of as shift a politician as ever worked from the back room of a saloon. . . . It is a record, moreover, of a singular meanness, a small-mindedness which is perhaps Mr. Roosevelt's leading trait; it is one, at any rate, which differentiates him sharply from the Country's really high-grade politicians and marks him as second-class. His place is with the Conklings and Blaines; not with the Quays, Lincolns, Penroses."

There are friends of Mr. Roosevelt who would repudiate that opinion entirely, and who would pay him tribute as Governor akin to that which certain people are paying him now as President; so that piece of history remains, and will forever remain, the question of individual judgment. Its importance, however, studied from another standpoint can hardly be overestimated.

It was his Governorship that made possible his Presidency.

The two great Parties, instead of discussing in their secret caucuses the matter of potency, debate rather the question of popularity.

Neither of them any more asks the question that formerly influenced our political affairs, namely, "What man in our ranks would best administer in behalf of all our people?" The question is, "With what name can we win the place of power?"

Three things stood out conspicuously in Franklin D. Roosevelt's favor. First of all he had carried New York, and that is a key State in the Union. Second, his affable personality associated with his physical debility excited more than sympathy that made for friendship. The two combined, constituted a tremendous personal and political appeal.

Then, not to be despised, was his name. Theodore Roosevelt still remains a semi-idol with true Americans, and it was expected and hoped that as Theodore had reformed the Republican Party and compelled the worshippers of William McKinley — the patron saint of corporate wealth and American empiricism — to recognize the rights of laboring men and the righteousness of the Monroe Doctrine, so it was hoped Franklin D., his cousin, might accomplish for the Democrats such essential changes as would give it return to place and power.

The Party Platform put before the Country at that time, promised a fair administration; and while it contained the immoral plank of the pledged return of the liquor evil, it was but slightly

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And the amazing thing is that this has come to pass at the hands of one who pledged himself in advance of his first election, not only to a balancing of the budget, but its reduction; and who was eloquent in telling the people of economical intent.

But we go from "The United States Ruler" to consider our last point —

THE BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

Some twenty years ago, for practically the first time in history, such a revolution was wrought in Russia — by the Kerensky group. Almost overnight a few men, who had laid their plans, captured their strategic personages and points, put through an overthrow of government, taking possession themselves with the loss of few lives. But, alas, the bloodless revolution was followed by the flow of rivers of blood.

I conclude what I have to say with three points:

First — Roosevelt started with a revolutionary intent.

Second — His Communistic sympathies are openly evident.

Third — The people, and the people only, can stop this red painting.

He started with revolutionary intent.

We had in Gary, Indiana, a fine fellow, a man who in the N.E.A. stood high indeed, until he had the misfortune at Washington to fall in with some of the early potentates of the present regime. Women-like, they talked and told him frankly that they regarded Roosevelt as their Kerensky. The President would open the way and their Lenin would follow. To be

sure, they denied this report; but intelligent people and true Americans can easily decide where honesty of statement lay.

I wish it was in my power to put into the hands of every American the address of Charles Coughlin, delivered on the afternoon of February 5th, 1939. If it did not suffice to arouse the spirit of Americanism, I should lose hope for future loyalty to our Country and our Constitution. In that, he shows how the International Bankers secured from this Country alone fourteen billions of dollars that will never be returned to us; and also how the two billion Stabilization Fund is in their favor, not in ours; how the eleven to twelve billions in gold that we now hold, stacked away in a hole in Kentucky, is more of a menace to our government than it is a promise for our future stability.

In New York City, when a Communist was asked by a friend of mine, "Where are you men going to get the money to control the police force, to buy up the army, to subjugate the navy?" — the Communist answered without hesitation: "Out of the banks and places of gold-deposit, where it now awaits the day when we will take possession."

I confess frankly to you that ever since I knew of this deposit at Fort Knox I have wondered whether, in the end, it might not be made the very opportunity that the International Bankers of the world and the Communists of America, have patiently waited for; and whether we would not awake some fine morning to discover that our gold was backing a new government and not the Constitutional one created by Washington and his confreres.

When I recall the fact that Mr. William C. Bullitt, now our representative at the French Court, in the days of Wilson tried to inveigle that President into the recognition of red Russia, and failed, but had little or no difficulty in accomplishing the same purpose with President Roosevelt, I say that Communistic sympathies either existed at the time of the election or were fast fostered in his breast immediately following that event. . . .

Revolutionary attempt at Washington is openly evident.

Take, if you please, every fundamental action of the new term; the endeavor, first of all, to change over the Supreme Court and make it a tool in the hand of dictatorship.

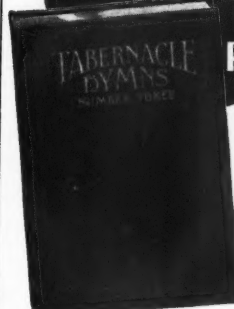
If ever there was wisdom with men it was with our forefathers when they fixed upon the threefold form of government — Legislative, Executive and Judicial. They openly expressed at the time, their opinion that these three were essential pillars in the tripod upon which the government was to rest, and that each one of them was purposely placed to balance the others.

And yet I, myself, listened to the smooth and eloquent argument of President Roosevelt on that night, when he likened our government to a three-horse team — two of which were pulling beautifully together (for at that moment Congress was a rubber stamp) and the third was lying back in the breeching; or, worse yet, lying down in the furrow and refusing to go!

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February 11

The Perils Of Rejecting Christ

Matthew 21:28-43

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

The vineyard is the kingdom of God. The householder represents the Heavenly Father. By His digging the winepress, etc., the truth is established that He has provided adequately for His vineyard.

Each detail has a significance. The fence about His vineyard was the law (Eph. 2:14). When God had fully equipped His vineyard, He put it in the hands of men and left the care of it to them. He first committed the charge of His kingdom to Israel. Today, He commits it to believers in Christ (I Peter 4:10). The husbandmen in this lesson did not own the vineyard, neither do we. Having put the vineyard into the hands of the husbandmen, the proprietor withdrew. And so God, in a sense, turns the care of His work over to us. What an exalted calling!

The New Testament teaches us that the kingdom of God is no longer identified with Israel, but was taken away from her and given to the Gentiles (verse 43). We are also taught that Jesus Christ has withdrawn from the administration of His kingdom and committed it to the Church (Matt. 25:14,15; Mark 13:34; Luke 19:12). The absence of the proprietor did not, in any way, forfeit his ownership of the vineyard, nor the responsibility of the husbandmen; and Christ's absence does not in any way lessen our responsibility to Him.

"And he answered and said, I will not" (Verse 29). This is nothing but rude disobedience, due in part to laziness and headstrong self-will. The son

does not say, "Father." One thing is certain, there is no hypocrisy in this disobedient son.

"I go, sir: and went not." This is the answer of the hypocrite. The Jewish Scribes and Pharisees, professing zeal for the law, set themselves in the way as though they would fulfill the commands. Their profession was like the second son's promised obedience.

"Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (Verse 31). The lowest type of sinner will be saved before the self-righteous person who may boast of culture or even Church membership.

Verses 42-43. These leaders were the "builders." They were supposed to be able to distinguish good stone from poor stone. These leaders should have recognized in Christ their promised Messiah. Instead, they called Him a blasphemer, and put Him to death! But this same Jesus, crucified, has become the very cornerstone of the only eternal institution on earth, the only one in which God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit dwell — namely, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ as the "Stone" is revealed in a threefold way: (1) To Israel — Christ, coming not as a splendid monarch, but in the form of a servant, is a stumbling stone and rock of offense (Isaiah 8:14, 15; Romans 9:32-33; I Cor. 1:23; I Peter 2:8); (2) To the Church, Christ is the foundation-stone and the head of the corner (I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20-22; I Peter 2:4-5); (3) To the Gentile world powers — He is to be the smiting-stone of destruction (Daniel 2:34). Israel stumbled over Christ; the Church is built upon Christ; human governments will be broken by Christ.

February 18

Good Citizens And Good Neighbors

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39.

The Jewish leaders attempted to bring Jesus into conflict with the Roman government. By this means, they hoped to ruin Him. They hatched a conspiracy with their traditional ene-

mies, the Herodians. The latter was a sect of Jews who supported the house of Herod, in favor of giving tribute to the Roman Caesar. They were supposed to have believed that Herod was the promised Messiah, because that in him the scepter had departed from Judah.

The plot was to entangle Jesus into making a treasonable statement, and then to deliver him to the Roman governor for punishment (Verse 16). This is true today. The bitterest of enemies will join together, in their common hatred of Christ and His program.

They began with words of smoothest flattery and hypocrisy — (a) We know thou art true, (b) That thou teachest the way of God in truth, (c) We know thou dost not regard men. Satan is never so dangerous as when he flatters. His emissaries often make use of cunning deceit. What fools they were to think that Jesus could not see through their veneer of duplicity. He was not blinded by their honeyed words. They had fawned on Him with their "Rabbi," and "true," and "impartial," and "fearless." He rebuked them by the utterance of one indignant word, "Hypocrites!"

"Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" (Verse 17). The snare was well laid, and the conspirators doubtless said to themselves: "In a moment, we will catch Him." But calmly Jesus calls for a Roman denarius, the coin with which taxes were paid.

"Whose image and superscription does this coin bear?" He asks. "Caesar's," they reply. "Very well," Jesus continues, in effect, "look at this coin with which you must pay your tax. The very face stamped upon it, is your admission that you render to Caesar what is his. I need not therefore discuss the question with you. You have answered it yourself. I ask you, however, another question: Are you willing to give to the King I serve as loyal obedience as you bestow upon Caesar — or are you a better subject of your Governor than you are of God?"

"And they marvelled at His answer, and held their peace" (Verse 22).

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Verses 35-40. To love God with all the heart and soul and mind is to have a supreme desire for, and delight in, the glory of God. Everything else should be secondary. The supreme test of whether or not we love God in this manner, is if we put God first in our lives. To do this, is to keep the first and great commandment (Verses 37-38).

The second commandment (Verses 39-40) requires that we have the same desire for, and delight in, the welfare of our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment also involves the first one. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

February 25

Stewards In The Kingdom

Matthew 25:14-27

GOLDEN TEXT: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—Matthew 25:21.

While the virgins of the first portion of this chapter were represented as waiting for their Lord, we have here the servants working for Him. The first parable emphasized the need of keeping the heart with all diligence; the second of putting all diligence also into outward service.

The "man going into another country" is Jesus Christ. The other country is Heaven (John 14:2-6). At the time of departing, He bestowed gifts upon His disciples (Eph. 4:8,11-12; I Peter 4:10). These gifts are "His goods," or "things belonging to Him."

The servants of the parable received the money as a trust. It was to be used in the interest of their master. He did not turn over to each of them the same amount, but varied the gifts according to the ability of the servants. No servant was left without a gift. The least sum mentioned is one talent (\$1,200). Christians are His bond servants, purchased by His blood, and working for Him. The talents symbolize the gifts of the Spirit (Romans 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:4,8,11,28; Eph. 4:8,11).

The first servant doubled his investment of five talents, as did the second of two. But the third "hid his lord's money." Note how Jesus describes it — "his lord's money." He made no use of it. He accepted the talent but ignored the trust. There is more unused power among Christians today than there is power in use!

Faithfulness rewarded — "After a long time." The "long time" symbolizes the period between His departure and His Second Coming. The coming

back of their lord, represents the return of our Lord to this earth. When He returns, He will have a reckoning with His "bond servants" (Matt. 16:27; I Cor. 4:5; II Cor. 5:10). If we are true believers we shall not be judged with regard to our salvation — that is already settled (John 5:24); but we will be judged as to our reward (I Cor. 3:13-15).

It was the servant's fidelity, not his degrees of success, that his master praised. But this was not all he received; he was given enlarged opportunity and authority (Luke 12:44; 22:29; Rev. 2:26; 3:21; 21:7; II Tim. 2:12). But even this was not all. The master added the wonderful words, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." This is sublime! "I will make thee ruler." The worker becomes the ruler.

Consider the case of the unfaithful servant: his life was exposed, his talent recalled, and finally he himself was cast out. We all have talents committed to us for keeping, five, two, one, according to our ability. . . and these talents involve a choice of investment. A small circle is as perfect as a large one. A man of lesser ability may be as perfectly endowed as a man of greater ability. We are not to be jealous of another's gifts. We are to remember that all we have is God's, and God gives us all that we can use.

March 3

In The Upper Room

Matthew 26:17-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: "This do in remembrance of me."—I Cor. 11:24.

The omniscience of Jesus is clearly demonstrated in this lesson. Every little detail of what would happen to the disciples as they entered that city, and what each man would do, was known to Him. Jesus gives another proof of His insight into the human heart and of His omniscience—"Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me" . . . "all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13).

Christ gave the disciples exact instructions. They were to meet a man bearing a pitcher of water. They were to follow him, note the house he entered, and boldly claim there a guest-room for the Passover. He would show them a large upper room furnished.

This Goodman symbolizes the company of Christians who hold themselves and all their possessions subject to the order of Christ. Discipleship is stewardship. Our time and treasure are to be held in trust. It is enough for a true Christian when the word comes, "The Master hath need." Happy is he whose home has a room, which Christ may call "my guest-chamber." Happy is he in whose heart and home alike,

there is no room which is not wholly Christ's.

"He that dipped his hand with me in the dish." This was not so much the identification of the betrayer, as a rebuke. They were all dipping with Him in the dish. What He meant to convey was this: One will betray Me . . . one who is at present intimate enough to eat out of the same dish with Me. One so close — and yet having murder in his heart.

"Thou hast said." Notice that Christ did not answer him with a simple affirmative. Such a statement could only have provoked an outbreak of fury against Judas. An ambiguous affirmative was required, suggesting to the traitor himself the certainty that his treachery was known; to the others, if they overheard it, a half uncertainty as to what was meant, and leaving opportunity to Judas of withdrawing from his course of treachery before its final exposure.

Note the beautiful simplicity of the symbols and ceremonies that Christ chose, contrasted with the elaborate ritual of the Old Testament. He took bread, He took the cup, He took a towel. He explained these mysteries in relation to the most intimate and useful connection of our lives. He wants our life — in its sin, its hunger, and its duties, that He may show us how His grace is its daily food, and how His example is its highest standard.

The threefold teaching of the Lord's Supper — (1) It is a commemoration. Christ said, "This do in remembrance of me." (2) It is more than a commemoration, it is a communion, in which, through all the coming age, groups of His disciples shall sit down and take bread and fruit of the vine, and in the sacred act, enter into actual communion with Him. (3) It is more, it is a covenant, declaring that those who sit at the board, are made one with Him, in all the enterprises of His heart.

When we gather around the Lord's Table, it is to remember Him, it is to pledge ourselves in loyalty to Him. There can be no covenant between a holy God and sinful men, except on the ground of shed blood (Heb. 9:18-23).

ROBERT E. EDMONDSON has just issued three more bulletins of special importance to those who would understand the forces at work behind the scenes, fighting frantically to retain their stranglehold grip upon our Country. These messages will be mailed to Defender Readers for 10 cents. Address: Mr. Robert E. Edmondson, Stoddartsville, Pa.

Your friends need the facts given in the pamphlet "Hidden Control of News." Write to The Defender at once for 100 copies . . . price \$1.00.

DEFENDER BOOK DEPARTMENT

BACK TO EARTH. By Dr. G. W. McPherson. Published by Yonkers Book Company. Pages 261. Price \$2.50

THIS is a volume of twelve chapters by a prominent religious leader in the New York metropolitan area, a man who has achieved remarkable success as an Author. His present book is an up-to-date examination of the American problem, a contrast of the underlying philosophies of democracy and dictatorship. With his defense of representative government, every Christian and patriot will agree. On some of the mooted questions which it treats, there is room however, for honorable differences of opinion. Dr. Bradbury, who wrote the Foreword, puts it this way: "Some might disagree with him in his treatment of certain questions, but they will be helped in their own thinking by reading after him."

The treatise is divided into two parts, Book I and Book II. The first division is primarily concerned with a contrasted study of Nazism, Fascism, Communism and Democracy. The second division deals with many of America's major problems, such as wages, salaries, strikes, picketing, war, taxes, consolidations of corporations, how to put men back to work, and a more general distribution of wealth. Both sections reflect a sincere effort to apply Christian principles in the solution of current problems.

The Author's proposed reforms suggest that he is a friend of both business and labor. He advocates, among other things, a *sacrificial period*, during which time wages in the higher brackets would be sharply reduced, until the nation has regained economic equilibrium, and city, state and federal budgets balanced and their debts partly liquidated.

We predict *Back to Earth* will be read by employers, economists educators, clergymen, statesmen and all classes of wage earners. The Author has written in the spirit of a moral crusader. Readers will admire his courage in challenging existing conditions. It is evident that years of arduous labor and research were spent in the preparation of this volume.

EUREKA EASTER RECITATIONS. Edited by Mattie B. Shannon. Published by Stockton Press. Pages 32. Price 25c.

SUNDAY School leaders will welcome this booklet as a valuable aid in the preparation of an Easter program. It

contains material for all ages — Beginners, Juniors and Intermediates. It sparkles with a variety of recitations, exercises, pantomimes, play, songs and special Easter features.

The selections for Beginners could not be improved upon. Exercises for one, two, three and four participants have been chosen, so that everyone of the little tots may appear on the program. The Editor has carefully selected the material for the different age-groups.

The selections for children of the Primary age, comprise a compilation of program matter from the best sources available. The Easter theme is carried out in an interesting and unique way. The sketches are new and appealing.

The quality of selections for Juniors compares with that of the smaller children. Costume exercises have been included for this group, as well as striking pantomimes.

Older children of the Sunday School will find appropriate material for their use in the portion of the booklet entitled, "Special Features." This contains costume monologues, special musical drills, and a number of Easter songs for the School chorus. An Eastern playlet, "Easter Comes to Emmaus," is also included.

FOR BETTER NOT FOR WORSE. By Dr. Walter A. Maier. Published by Concordia Publishing House. Pages 598. Price \$2.00.

HERE is one of the most exhaustive treatises on the subject of Christian marriage ever written — an encyclopedia-like book which should find a permanent place in the home of every Christian family. Young people need to be armed with the truth which these pages contain.

The limited space available for a review cannot do the volume justice. It is a ponderous tome, twice the size of an ordinary book. It contains thirty-eight penetrating chapters. Six pages were required to list the Table of Contents. It is correctly called "A Manual of Christian Matrimony," because every phase of the subject is adequately covered. The book is sane and Scriptural, written in a constructive vein.

It represents a vigorous protest against the growing disparagement of Scriptural ethics, and exposes the nefarious champions of pagan morals. It condemns the prevalent despiritualized interpretation of courtship, marriage, and

family relations. The remarkable harmony which exists between Christian principles and reliable social data is given attention. Contradictory, anti-Christian influences are discussed and rejected.

The volume is divided into seven parts. Part One is entitled, "The Code of Christian Marriage Ethics;" Part Two, "Pathway to Purity;" Part Three, "The Offensive Against Christian Morality." This is especially an important portion of the book. It deals extensively with the attack of Communists and so-called liberals upon Christian moral standards.

Part Four is entitled, "Criteria of Happy Choice;" Part Five, "Courtship, Engagement and Marriage;" Part Six, "Twin Menaces to Wedded Happiness;" and Part Seven, "Elements of Wedded Happiness."

Dr. Maier's appeal is twofold: a plea for an appreciation of matrimony from both the Christian and the Social point of view. Youth is asked to look at marriage and reevaluate its sacredness and blessing. These pages will prove helpful in solving many problems which confront Christian fathers and mothers of tomorrow.

DEACONS. By Rev. J. C. Sisemore. Published by the Author. Pages 38. Price 25c.

THIS booklet fills a need. It may be commended as a clear, Scriptural piece of literature, defining the duties and responsibility of those persons chosen by the Church to discharge the office of Deacon. It should be read by Ministers, Deacons and lay members.

Chapter One, entitled "Origin of the Deacon," goes back to the time of the early Church and shows that the men chosen in Acts 6 were the forerunners of this office. The Author discusses the need which occasioned their appointment, the number chosen, the manner of selecting them, and their sphere of service as given in Acts. This initial chapter serves as background to the material which follows.

"The Qualifications of Deacons," is the title of Chapter Two, and deals with such matters as spiritual requirements, moral qualifications, the doctrinal aspect, etc. The Third Chapter is entitled "The Ministry of Deacons" — an important theme which is given comprehensive treatment. The concluding Chapter is concerned with "The Duration of Office."

DEFENDERS

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

"The Entrance Of Thy Words Giveth Light"

PLEASE draw up a chair and let us have another heart-to-heart talk, about the Missionary work, of the Defenders Movement.

Notice, please, the drawing of a sunburst in the center of this page. This piece of art work is suggestive of Psalms 119:130, "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

History attests that the light of civilization has always accompanied the preaching of the Gospel. Wherever the flame of Christianity has penetrated, whole areas have become illuminated, with souls saved and living conditions lifted to higher levels. Shadows of ignorance, heathenism and superstition vanish, where the white light of Christ's truth shines forth. Christians are called to be "children of the light."

In the year 1832, Charles Darwin made a trip around the world. His itinerary provided for a stop at *Tierra del Fuego*, located at the extreme southern tip of South America — but he did not remain there long. He wrote in his diary that it was the most savage spot his eyes had ever rested upon. He could not put into writing the awful practices which he saw.

He found cannibals in that part of the world, living just a step above the beasts. Having no language, they communicated with one another by grunts. They lacked a sense of moral consciousness. Here, man was at the lowest depths of depravity, and still be called a man!

A short time before Darwin's *Beagle* set sail, a baby boy was found wrapped in a newspaper beside the abutment of a large bridge in the city of London. He was found on St. Thomas' Day, so they called him Thomas. Because he was found near a bridge, they called his last names Bridges — his full name was Thomas Bridges.

As a young man, he consecrated himself to Christ. Wishing to enter upon Christian work, he made application to the English Missionary Society, and was sent to the cannibal land visited by Darwin. Friends implored him not to go, and the British government warned that he went on his own responsibility.

In *Tierra del Fuego*, Thomas Bridges loved, labored, prayed, and struggled. He gave those cannibal tribes the Gospel, a language, a moral code, and before he finished his life's work, trans-

lated the Bible in that language. The place was regenerated, and there is no longer a cannibal in that part of the world.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

Consider the story of the dirty, vermon-infested mountain lad who stumbled one night into a Cincinnati mission. The Gospel light, in all its



scintillating brilliance, pierced his heart. For the first time in his life, he became conscious of his filth, and stuffed newspapers between his flesh and rotten clothing — he wanted to be clean. Today, he is one of America's great evangelists.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

The Defenders Movement maintains five missionary outposts. Like this sunburst drawing, the Gospel radiates beams of light on the respective fields — West Africa, Puerto Rico, Bulgaria, Greece, and Cuba.

We ask that the Defenders Family, right now, by the Grace of God, shall resolve to make 1940 the greatest year in the history of the Movement. Our passion for souls should find expression in material contributions to help the veterans on the field. These workers are solely dependent on faith in God's promises. They should have the earnest support and cooperation of Christian friends who read this Magazine. *We are asking for your help in 1940!*

True prayer moves the arm of God. As the multiple snowflakes descend silently on a winter day, so is He willing to shower us with answers to our petitions. Let us trust the Heavenly Father to lead, guide, bless and

prosper the work on all the fields this year.

Refreshing reports have reached the Wichita Headquarters during the past month. The following excerpts from letters will be of more than passing interest to all Readers. . . .

West Africa. Paul Revere writing: "I plan to leave again soon for the Kru Coast, to visit the various mission stations there — Settra Kru, Sanguin and Wishepo. These places have suffered because of recent tribal wars, and the spiritual conditions are, I fear, at low tide. The appeals coming to me from the native Christians, are touching. The need is urgent."

Puerto Rico. J. F. Rodriguez writing: "All workers are active on the Spanish battlefield. In most of the Defender Tabernacles, workers are holding daily meetings. As a rule, souls are won to Christ at each evangelistic service. Last week's meetings at Rio Piedras were glorious. On Sunday evening, six persons responded to the Gospel invitation."

Bulgaria. M. J. Markoff writing: "Our home is now kept open throughout the whole week, and people come for help and prayer in a constant stream. When I am away on missionary tours, Mrs. Markoff handles everything. The last issue of the 'Bulgarian Defender Magazine' is our greatest."

Greece. A. Velonis writing: "I went to Edessa for two days, to witness at the trial of a Greek fellow Preacher of the Gospel, who was condemned to ten days imprisonment and fined about three thousand Deahmas. In October 1939, he was found guilty of selling the New Testament, translated into the modern Greek language. The circulation of the whole Bible, thus translated, is prohibited in my Country, and for this reason, my friend was condemned."

Cuba. Arthur W. Pain writing: "Our Bible School is going along very nicely. At first, we wondered if the interest would increase or decrease, but we have been very happy to see the way it has increased. The native Christians are so anxious to learn how to win others for the Lord, and then to get out and put into practice that which they have learned."

Thank God for these encouraging reports!

We are suggesting that friends send their "Missionary Offering" for these various fields to the Defender office. Through prayers, tithes and offerings, we can SPREAD THE LIGHT.

AMERICA RED.

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privilege of hearing Carter Glass, the octogenarian, in the most eloquent address that I have heard in a lifetime, tear that argument to shreds, and show that it was absolutely the argument of dictatorship, and was a deliberate attempt to destroy the balances and safeguards of government itself.

When he had finished I said to my wife: "That is the death-knell of the endeavor to create a new and Franklin D. Roosevelt Supreme Court of fifteen members."

But I spake too soon! While the Country revolted to such an extent that the nine men who were its servants, could not be overwhelmed with six new appointees by the President's lips, death and age have played into his hands, and already he has brought that Court well-nigh to a perfect balance between Constitutionalism and Communism. He knew full well when he appointed Felix Frankfurter that he was contributing a Communistic force that he hoped might be sufficient to carry that balance over, and tip it once and for all in the direction of Bolshevism against Americanism.

As a Minister of the Gospel who believes both in my Christ and in my Country, I protest that a man in one breath should stand before the American public and declare that religious liberty was a right that should never be taken from the American people, and in the next breath appoint, to place of power, men whose past relations prove their entire sympathy with the Bolshevik rule of Russia — where the Church of God has been crushed and the Christ of God crucified afresh; Ministers by the hundreds and thousands sent to prisons, shot to death, starved in Siberia, and innocent Christians murdered into the millions. I call such talk *open hypocrisy!*

And I declare it my conviction that if we love liberty in this Country and expect to retain the privilege of a Christian civilization, and the right of proclaiming Christian morals and exacting Christian statesmanship, it is time now to speak.

I come, then, to my final conclusion:

The people, and the people only, can stop this "red" paint.

And I am not now concerning myself with the coming election. To me that will not necessarily mean reform. There are plenty of Republicans, and some of them are well to the fore now as probable candidates, who would be no improvement whatever over present incumbents, and I am not, then, pleading for a Party tri-

umph; I am not attacking Democracy, and God knows I am not defending Republicanism.

I am pleading the Cause of the Constitution; I am pleading the marvelous history of America; I am defending Christian rights and individual privileges. I am speaking for liberty of conscience, freedom of speech, and independence of the press.

What I want to see in America is a revival of the American spirit. What I am working for is an increase of loyalty to our Constitution. I am not even pleading the financial status of the Country; I am not asking that we forever remain where we long have been — at the head of all nations with sixty billions in deposits in our nation's banks; with twelve to fourteen billion stored away in gold; with seventeen and a half million telephones; with two million freight cars in operation, traveling twenty billions of miles annually; with four hundred and fifty million passengers going a distance of nineteen billion miles; with an automobile for every four people in the land, etc. all of which outshines not only any other country in the world, but most of them put together!

That, it seems to me, is a partial product of our past intelligence; but it is not that for which I am most deeply concerned. I think people who would exchange such prosperity as America has enjoyed for such slavery conditions as exist in other countries, would be fools.

But that would not be our greatest folly. Our greatest folly is to be guilty of debasing manhood, destroying womanhood by an economic system that

destroys thrift, ambition and industry. Our greatest threat is to the morals of the land when God shall be dismissed and the Christian Gospel shall be privileged no more. Our greatest threat is the threat of that Communism, which would wipe off the earth the existence of our Churches and plunge us again into that blackness of darkness, where the Africans of one hundred years ago were found.

THAT — THE DETHRONEMENT OF GOD AND THE REJECTION OF CHRIST — IS THE PERIL OF AMERICA! It is the peril of the world, and it is that of which I am concerned. And, whether he sees it or not, this quiet revolution that is being wrought under the hands of the present President, looks in that direction; and that he does see it is increasingly evident when we hear him say so much against Nazism and Fascism, but not a word against the world-threat of Communism!

I am not foolish enough to believe for one minute that my preaching will change these things. They are in prophecy! The Antichrist is coming, and is well on the way. Communism bears more of his marks than any movement that has risen in the twenty centuries since Christ hung on Calvary's Cross, and I know that I can no more turn back His appearance than I can dry the ocean with a spoon, but I can at least do what John the Baptist did — become "a voice in the wilderness," crying:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

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